Smith, Sir George Adam

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My dear President

I have only now heard through Wesley of Ann Arbor of the death of the Rev. Wyllys Robinson Clark D.D., D.C.L. LL.D of Toronto who became M.A. of King's College Aberdeen in 1848. As we had not heard of his death he is entered in this year's issue of our Calendar p. 126 as Senior Graduate of King's College

I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will send me the exact date of Wyllys Clark's death which was not notified to us.

We are greatly reduced in numbers here: no men except the military unfit or men military age or senior medical students, & even the numbers of women have shrunk, many having moved at once to replace their brothers on service. Over 1630 of our graduates & students are serving with the colours. We have lost 67 fallen in action or dead of wounds; 106 have been wounded & 15 are prisoners or missing. My own pen fail at loss.

But there is still one heart & resolution among us to fight this War till God gives us victory for the great Cause to which He has so manifestly called us

Yours sincerely
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George Adam Smith

President Falconer
University of Toronto

March 31st, 1916

Principal Sir George Adam Smith,

Aberdeen University.

My dear Principal:

I am sending to you in answer to your letter a copy of a resolution passed by the Corporation of Trinity College with regard to the late Professor Clark. Trinity College, though a University of good standing, has been in federation with the University of Toronto for some years, and on its Arts side is Trinity College within the University of Toronto. I think that this information will give you all that you need.

Will you allow me to say how deeply I sympathize with you in your loss of your son ? I had heard some months ago that you had had this bereavement. Possibly the fact that so many others are suffering and that he fell in such a noble cause may relieve somewhat your distress. Will you be kind enough to convey my deep sympathy also to Lady Smith?

Aberdeen University has made a great record. In fact the educational institutions have I think proved in Britain that they are worthy of the confidence of the country. In Canada we are doing very well also. Already there are 2000 of our graduates and undergraduates from the University of Toronto on active service, among these 63 of our staff. I wonder whether there is any possibility of peace coming by the beginning of next year.

It was a great pleasure to me to know that you had been recognized by His Majesty and given a Knighthood. May you have many years to wear it and enjoy the honour.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.